

THE GRAND CALUMET RIVER / INDIANA HARBOR SHIP CANAL AOC: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Date: October 26, 2017

Time: 9:00 am – 4:45 pm

Location: The Diamond Center, US Steel Stadium, Gary

AGENDA

Welcome and Announcements

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Refreshments

9:00 am – 9:30 am

- *Introduction (M. Spinar, IDEM)*

- *Welcome Messages*

- *Mayor Freeman-Wilson*

- *J. Wickard (IDEM)*

- *K. Isom (U.S. EPA)*

- *M. Lopez (Congressman Visclosky's Office)*

CARE Panel Discussion

9:30 am – 11:00 am

CARE Panel Discussion (J. Fekete, D. Carrey, P. Labus, B. Tolpa, C. Wodrich)

11:00 am – 11:15 am

Break

Session 1: BUI Status

11:15 am – 11:30 am

The Grand Calumet River Area of Concern Program: A Plain English Guide (M. Spinar, IDEM)

11:30 am – 11:45 am

Communicating BUI Status in the GCR AOC Using a New Graphical Tracking Tool (J. Fekete, CARE)

Lunch

11:45 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch – catered

Session 2: Current AOC Projects

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm

Current Sediment Management Efforts in the GCR AOC (A. Remek, IDEM)

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm

US Army Corps Navigational Dredging of the Harbor Canal (N. Mills, US Army Corps)

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Overview of Current Habitat Restoration Projects (C. Wodrich, IDNR/C. Zandstra, Lake County Parks)

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2017 Aesthetics Monitoring Updates in the GCR AOC (M. Caldwell, IDEM)

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Break

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Beach Water Quality in the AOC (M. Caldwell, IDEM/V. Williams, Wild Goose Chase)

2:30 pm – 2:50 pm

Restoration Efforts at Jeorse Park (M. Shanks/J. Miller, US Army Corps)

Session 3: The Future of the GCR AOC

2:50 pm – 3:00 pm

Future Work/Addressing the Remaining BUIs (M. Spinar, IDEM/K. Isom, U.S. EPA)

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Building a Framework For Long-term Stewardship in the AOC (P. Labus, TNC)

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Break

Session 4: AOC Community Projects and Involvement

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Roxana Marsh and East Chicago Development (M. Solorio, City of East Chicago)

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Community Presentation from Gary (B. Scott-Henry, City of Gary)

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Q & A/Discussion & Survey: Public Involvement With the GCR AOC Restoration Effort (Led by CARE Panel)

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm

Closing/Wrap-up